

4 Couples Vie to Adopt Utah's Crash Orphan

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Tribune Special

HEBER — Beanie Spotts, 2½-year-old orphan on an auto accident near Daniels Summit Jan. 5, played nonchalantly—and once or twice noisily—in a courtroom here Tuesday while attorneys opened legal proceedings which will determine his future home.

Beanie, or Guy Henry Spotts III, was destined to be well cared for regardless of the court's decision, it appeared, because the court received offers of adoption from his maternal grandparents, his paternal grandparents, a brother-in-law and a sister of his father and a brother-in-law and a sister of his mother.

Beanie's parents, Capt. and Mrs. Guy Henry Spotts Jr., were killed a few miles west of Daniel's Summit Jan. 5 when their car skidded on an icy section of highway, careened into an embankment and overturned several times.

Child Found Unhurt

Passing motorists found the child unhurt in the wrecked car, and he was brought to Heber and became the temporary ward of Joseph A. Olpin, Heber mortician, and Mrs. Olpin.

Litigants in the case which opened Tuesday included Mr. and Mrs. Guy H. Spotts Sr., Williamsport, Pa., paternal grandparents of Beanie; Mrs. Lucille Felin, Rock Springs, Wyo., school teacher, maternal grandmother of the child; Mr. and Mrs. Olpin, as temporary custodians of the child pending settlement of the case, and Judge Dean E. Terry and Mrs. Julia L. Bybee, probation officer of Third district juvenile court, Provo.

Mr. and Mrs. Spotts and Mrs. Felin indicated desire to adopt the child and rear him in their homes, and, in addition, the court was informed that brothers-in-law and sisters of Mr. and Mrs. Spotts would adopt the child "in event the court feels that life expectancy of either of the grandparents is not sufficient for the child's security."

Sister of Capt. Spotts

They are Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Sedam, Williamsport, and Dr. and Mrs. William M. Stansbury, Los Angeles, Cal. Mrs. Sedam is a sister of Capt. Spotts and Mrs. Stansbury, whose husband is a Los Angeles veterinarian, is a sister of Mrs. Spotts.

When the case opened, "Beanie" had the freedom of the courtroom, with Mr. Olpin seated in the doorway so that he could not leave.

However, his freedom suffered some restraint when the court

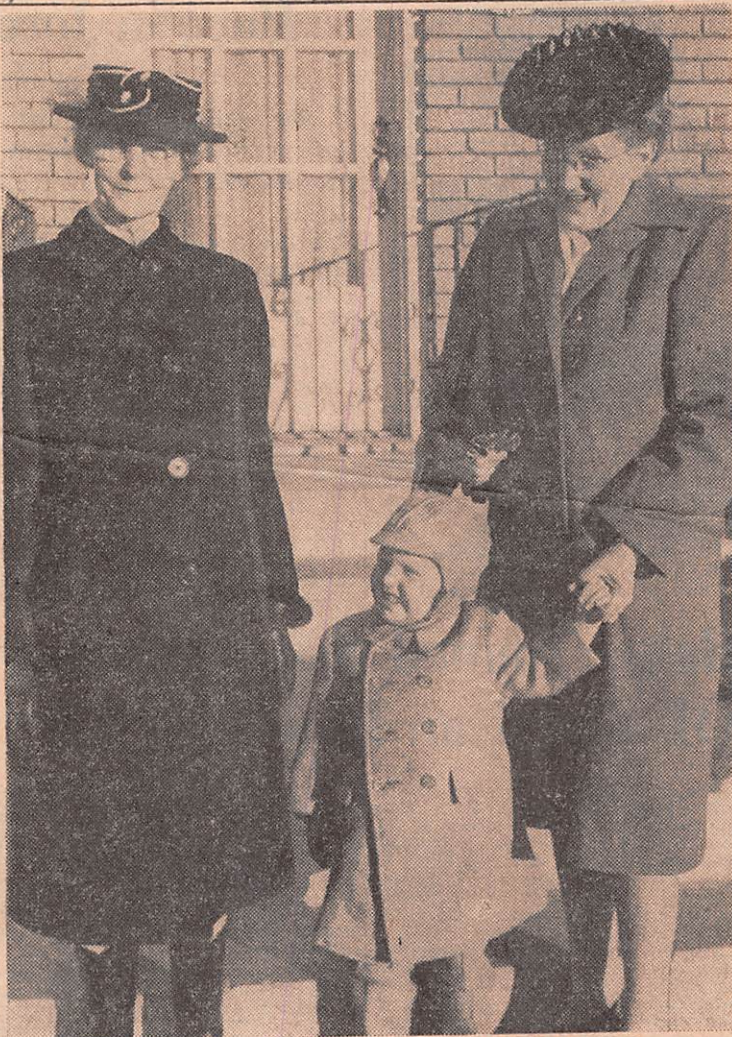


FIGURE IN CUSTODY STRUGGLE

Center of a legal custody case, Beanie Spotts, 2½-year-old child orphaned by an auto accident Jan. 5, poses near Wasatch county courthouse, Heber, with his grandmothers, Mrs. Guy Henry Spotts Sr., Williamsport, Pa., left; Mrs. Lucille Felin, Rock Springs, Wyo.

Favorites Rule Roost

In Prep Cage Loops

Grantsville, Bingham Set Pace in Jordan Division

Face-setters in the Jordan and Summit divisions maintained their positions atop the league standings by hanging up expected victories over quintets in the lower half of the league Tuesday night.

In the Summit division, Park City kept its record perfect with a 48-33 triumph over North Sum-

mit at Coalville, while Wasatch stayed right on the heels of the Miners with a hard-earned 32-29 verdict over Morgan. South Sum-

mit retained third place by thumping Grantsville continued to dom-

inate the Jordan sector, but the Cowboys were pulling leather before they pulled away in the last four minutes to defeat Murray.

33-28. Bingham held second place, thanks to a 52-40 win over an in-

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Later he rode with Jenkins when

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lowing this ride.

A testimonial dinner is planned for

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